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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A service provision method, comprising:

acquiring before shipment of a terminal apparatus a host address of the terminal apparatus included in a first signal as a sending side address transmitted from the terminal apparatus as connected to a first network;

acquiring owner information of the terminal apparatus;

acquiring a network address of a second network in accordance with the acquired owner information from a database storing the network address of the second network and the owner information of the terminal apparatus;

acquiring after shipment of the terminal apparatus, when a <u>second</u> signal is transmitted from the terminal apparatus connected to the second network, an IPv6 address of a sending side included in the <u>second</u> signal transmitted from the terminal apparatus;

determining the host address of the terminal apparatus acquired before shipment of the terminal apparatus to coincide with lower-order 64 bits of the IPv6 address acquired from the transmitted second signal and the network address of the second network acquired from the database in accordance with the acquired owner information to coincide with higher-order 64 bits of the IPv6 address acquired from the transmitted second signal; and

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providing a service, via the Internet, to the terminal apparatus via the second network.

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17. (Previously Presented) The service provision method according to claim 16, wherein, in

acquiring before shipment of the terminal apparatus the host address of the terminal apparatus

the host address of the terminal apparatus connected to the first network in an apparatus factory

is acquired.

18. (Previously Presented) The service provision method according to claim 16, wherein, in

acquiring the network address of the second network, a part of the network address of the

second network is acquired from an Internet service provider for connecting the second network

to the Internet.

19. (Previously Presented) The service provision method according to claim 16, wherein, in

acquiring the network address of the second network, a part of the network address of the

second network is acquired from a DNS server.

20. (Currently Amended) A service provision apparatus, comprising:

a processor configured to:

acquire before shipment of a terminal apparatus a host address of the terminal apparatus

included in a first signal as a sending side address transmitted from the terminal apparatus as

connected to a first network;

acquire owner information of the terminal apparatus;

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acquire a network address of a second network in accordance with the acquired owner

information from a database storing the network address of the second network and the owner

information of the terminal apparatus;

acquire after shipment of the terminal apparatus, when a second signal is transmitted

from the terminal apparatus connected to the second network, an IPv6 address of a sending side

included in the second signal transmitted from the terminal apparatus;

determine the host address of the terminal apparatus acquired before shipment of the

terminal apparatus to coincide with lower-order 64 bits of the IPv6 address acquired from the

transmitted second signal and the network address of the second network acquired from the

database in accordance with the acquired owner information to coincide with higher-order 64

bits of the IPv6 address acquired from the transmitted second signal; and

provide a service, via the Internet, to the terminal apparatus via the second network.

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